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Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2017

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: 1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118

ATTENDANCE: Sally Kaitz, Chair
Frances Carpenter, Vice-Chair
Tere Ramos, Secretary
Melanie Robinson Findlay
Carla Saccone
Dana Zais

ABSENT: Imari K. Paris Jeffries

STAFF: Erin LeBel, Executive Director
Erin Murphy, Program Coordinator
James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Doris Lugo, Investigator
Matthew Runge, Investigator

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Board Chair, Sally Kaitz.

Sally Kaitz reviewed the emergency exit procedures with Board members.

Minutes:

Frances Carpenter motioned to accept the February 28, 2017 pending the removal of the hyphen in Melanie Robinson Findlay's name. The motion was seconded by Carla Saccone and approved by the Board.

Investigative Conference:

At 9:40 a.m., Dana Zais moved to suspend the open meeting and go to into investigative conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C, to discuss SW 17-001, SW 2016-0953, SW-2016-0621, SW-2016-0895, SW-2016-1075, SW-2017-0036. The motion was seconded by Frances Carpenter and approved by the Board.

The Chair anticipated that the Board's open meeting would resume in approximately 90 minutes.



For the record, while in Investigative Conference, the Board took the following action:

SW 17-001: Tabled

SW 2016-0953: Frances Carpenter recused self. Dismissed.

SW-2016-0621: Forward to Prosecutions

SW-2016-0895: Dismiss with Advisory

SW-2016-1075: Sally Kaitz recused self. Dismiss with Advisory.

SW-2017-0036: Forward to Prosecutions

11:03 PM Return to Open Session

Jonas Goldenberg of NASW enters.

Melanie Robinson Findlay exits.

Discussion:

1. ESL accommodations – The Board reviewed the email from ASWB which outlines the ESL accommodations available to applicants and indicates that they do not have statistics on the pass rates of those who use these accommodations. The Board acknowledged the importance of the exam and does not want to make an alternate pathway to licensure.
2. ASWB CE approvals - tabled

Items not reasonably anticipated:

1. **Board Elections –**
 - **Frances Carpenter nominated Sally Kaitz to remain as Board Chair. This motion was seconded by Dana Zais and approved by the Board.**
 - **Tere Ramos nominated Frances Carpenter to remain as Board Vice-Chair. This motion was seconded by Carla Saccone and approved by the Board.**
 - **Frances Carpenter nominated Tere Ramos to remain as Board Secretary. This motion was seconded by Carla Saccone and approved by the Board.**
2. **The Board reviewed TB's references. Tere Ramos motioned to allow TB to proceed with his application. This motion was seconded by Dana Zais and approved by the Board.**
3. **Jonas Goldenberg invited Board members to do a 90 minute presentation pertaining to the role of the Board and social work pitfalls at the NASW symposium in April.**

12:06 PM: C. Saccone exits.

12:11 PM, Sally Kaitz motioned to adjourn, Tere Ramos seconded this motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin Murphy, MSW, LICSW
Program Coordinator
for Teresita Ramos, Secretary

List of Documents:

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